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Only three of the six days the court was here were devoted to the work of investigation. The inactivity of Thursday and Friday is still unexplained, except by a semi-official statement that Mr. Adam Seward was awaiting instructions from Washington.

The sessions, it is generally understood, developed no evidence by which the court could definitely determine the cause of explosion.

A naval officer in close touch with the members of the court said to this correspondent:

"With one exception the witnesses who testified here were Maine sur-

HAVANA, MARCH 5.—The American divers, having examined more or less thoroughly the ward room of the Maine and the senior and junior officers' mess rooms, were Friday trying to effect an entrance into the petty officers' compartment in the hope of finding bodies there. However, each day the belief grows stronger that few if any more bodies will be recovered. Not one body was recovered Friday.

Capt. Sharp, who is in charge of the Merritt and Chapman wrecking outfit, appreciates the difficulties of the situation better than others. He will not specify any time when the big guns will be released. It is necessary to first remove the tops of the turrets. These are held in place by steel bolts, which must be cut loose. The best informed people here think a month will elapse before the turrets are opened.

Key West, Fla., March 5.—El Yara, a Cuban paper, publishes an extraordinary report from Havana of the plot to blow up the Maine. According to this story, a Spanish diver named Barquin, well known in Havana, was employed to place a mine under the American battleship and connect it by wires with Santa Catalina.

El Yara's informant says that Barquin was taken aboard the steamship Colon the afternoon of February 15. In the evening he went down under the waters of the bay, and placed the magazine under the keel of the Maine. He was given \$20,000 for the job, and returning home, told his wife the story. A few hours later the government again required his services and he was directed to make an inspection of the keel of the cruiser Albatroz XII. When under water his air tube was

CONDENSED NEWS

Lord Dunsen Has Been Elected to the London County Council, Representing Wandsworth.

The Pekin correspondent of the London Times says the Anglo-German loan of \$10,000,000 has been ratified by the Chinese government.

The cable dispatches from Madrid state that the reports of the deaths of Spanish torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers are to come to Cuba.

It is announced in Berlin that the crew of the ship, which is said to have suffered from slight inflammation of the lungs, following an attack of measles, is in a house, which is being disinfected.

A dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Hong Kong, says the rebel chiefs have received a letter from Manila, soliciting their support for an other rebellion against Spanish rule.

Information has reached Brussels from the Congo Free State that cannibalism is still rampant in the interior of the Congo. A Belgian officer, named Neuhais at Lukulu, in the Congo west of Leopold lake, last January, was killed by cannibals.

During a gala performance at the theater in Trieste Friday evening, there was a disorderly protestant demonstration. The police, to maintain order, closed the theater and made two arrests.

A dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Tientsin, China, says "Japan has addressed a note to Russia demanding an immediate and explicit statement on the question of continued occupation of Port Arthur."

Capt. Bogen of the general staff, who wrote an outrageously insulting letter to the Japanese ambassador in Paris, has been punished by being transferred to the staff of the Sixth army corps.

Mag. Gen. Dickinson has issued orders for the inspection of all the national guard of California for the near future. The naval militia is also to be inspected and both branches of the militia are in readiness for any emergency.

The house committee on naval affairs Friday agreed on the Houelle bill for the relief of the survivors of the Maine disaster and authorized the chairman to report it to the committee on the floor.

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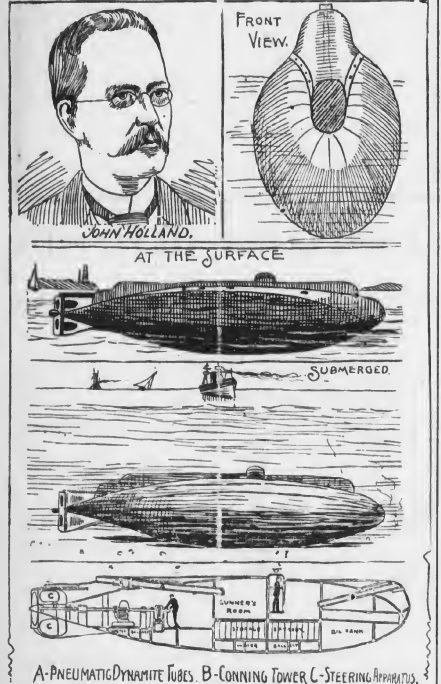
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HOLLAND SUBMARINE BOAT, WHICH CAN PLAY HIDE AND SEEK WITH AN ENEMY.

The Holland is about 60 feet long and 10 feet deep. A single screw, propelled by a gas motor, enables it to make eight knots an hour, either on the surface or under water. Its radiator is an engine. Under water they take a horizontal position and steer just as well as on the surface.

The ship is steered by a man in a little control tower fitted with plate-glass under water. Air is supplied from reservoirs. Mr. Holland says the boat can remain under water four hours at a time. It can go 20 miles in an hour. The boat carries three dynamite tubes, each with a range under water of 500 yards.

The evidence though in most cases tending longer to tell, can be summed up in the words of an enlisted man, who when Judge Advocate Marx asked him what he knew about the explosion, replied, "Sir, I was blown up. I was saved and I'm here. That was all he could answer to."

One important fact has been learned, however. It is this, although members of the court may have their individual theories, they are by no means prepared as a body to render a decisive verdict. The officer already quoted said: "The court has yet heard any testimony which would enable it to decide intelligently that the Maine was blown up from external causes."

There were two movements of the ship Friday except in the case of the Nashville, which towed a coal barge out to the lough.

Later in the day it was said on good authority that the naval court of inquiry would leave here at 5 o'clock Friday for Havana, where it will do the rest of its work.

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SENSATIONAL STORIES AFFECT SPECULATION IN STOCKS.

Industry and Trade, However, Has Not Been Disturbed.

Grain, Cotton, Meat, Producers and Petroleum Markets Are Strong—The Fallures in February Were Small Payments Through Clearing Houses Large.

New York, March 5.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade in its issue Saturday says:

Stories of the most reckless sort, disproved promptly, and many of them before they are told, affected speculation last week and again at times this week but they have not disturbed the industries and the trade of the country at all.

In grain, cotton, meat products and petroleum markets have been strong, with gradual increases in the demand for such commodities.

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The best of evidence of general improvement is the fact that payments through clearing houses for the past week have been 20 per cent larger than in 1902, and outside New York, with its speculative interests, 17.0 per cent. Compared with last year the gain has been 50.3 per cent. for the week, and 48.8 per cent. for February.

Production of pig iron in the great steel ever known, some furnaces having started in the past month, but fewer billets are so scarce at Chicago that some works are embarrassed, and heavy purchases at Pittsburgh, including one of 25,000 tons, have stiffened the price.

Chicago watered-tight iron, stronger than since November 1, with very force enhanced at Pittsburgh. Foundry at the east is slightly lower, basic pig having been offered in a sharp competition at about \$10, though southern makers in Alabama and Tennessee, excepting two, have agreed upon a plan of sales, through a commission. The demand for finished products continues to be ahead in plates, structural forms, sheet, in pipe since the advance in oil, and in rails, with a Chicago sale for a Canada road to Alaska, but a weak with increasing use of steel.

GEN. WM. S. ROSECRANS

At the Point of Death on His Ranch Near Los Angeles, Cal.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 5.—Gen. William Starke Rosecrans is at the point of death at his ranch a few miles from this city. Bishop Montgomery visited the general Friday and was informed in part the last rites of the Catholic church.

The attending physicians say the general has a fighting chance for his life.

His son, Carl F. Rosecrans, and his family are at his bedside. His daughter, Mrs. Toole, and ex-Gov. Toole, of Montana, are within convenient reach.

News for the Widows and Orphans.

New York, March 5.—A concert for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the men killed in the Maine disaster, will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Friday night. The attendance was large, many being new to the cause, people being present. One of the guests was Marquis Texera, a nephew of Don Pedro, late emperor of Brazil, who gave a check for \$100. The receipts amounted to about \$2,500.

Francis C. Willard's Will.

Chicago, March 5.—The will of the late Francis C. Willard was opened for probate Friday. Most of the estate is left to Miss Anna Gordon, but Miss Willard's home in Evanston is left to Miss Gordon and Mary Banister.

Willard during his life, and will revert eventually to the benefit of the National Women's Christian Temperance union. The estate is estimated at \$17,000, of which \$10,000 is in real property.

The Astronauts Know Nothing About It.

London, March 5.—In response to a telegraphic inquiry of the manager of the Armstrong-Glavis ship yards, asking whether the reported sale of the Brazilian and Chilean warships to Spain was true, the following was returned: "We have no authority to speak for any government, but so far as our knowledge goes the report is entirely unfounded and entirely untrue."

Wife-Murderer Loses His Job.

Chicago, March 5.—The wife-murderer Luettgen has been told the task assigned for him during his life imprisonment. It is the intention of the Joliet penitentiary officials to manufacture a marriage for him, and to marry him to a woman to the contrary are received from Adam Seward.

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Tag Underwater Reported Lost in a Storm.

NEW ORLEANS, March 5.—A special from Norfolk, Va., reports the loss of the powerful tug Underwriter, of Boston, in a storm off Hatteras. The Underwriter was on her way to Havana when she was wrecked on the wreck of the battle ship Maine.

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